

ABSTRACT

Management in a disk according to conventional techniques is effective in only one recording area which is the entire disk, and therefore, it has been heretofore impossible to manage files by data type.

A data recording/reproducing apparatus comprises recording area setting means 50 of setting a plurality of logical recording areas in a recording medium, and file management means 60 which manages files with reference to free area management information, recording file management information and deletion file selecting criteria information, and data recording/reproducing apparatus is characterized in that when judging that a free area for writing the new data is insufficient, the file management means 60, referring to the deletion file selecting criteria information, deletes a portion or all of at least one file or does not execute an operation for writing the new data.